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For: **METHODS FOR TREATING ARTHRITIS PAIN**

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the remarks provided below.